

PSPC Preparations for Freedom Convoy 2022

BACKGROUND

A demonstration, led by Freedom Convoy 2022, is expected to take place in the areas surrounding Parliament Hill starting on Friday, January 28th. Some demonstrators may arrive in the city as early as Thursday evening, January 27th. While it is expected that the demonstration will be peaceful, the situation is unpredictable and is being closely monitored.

PSPC has engaged with its parliamentary partners, as well as authorities at all levels to ensure clear roles and responsibilities, and an overall integrated and coordinated response.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- **PSPC** – No security role. PSPC is the custodian of the buildings in the Parliamentary Precinct and responsible for building and construction site operations. The department is working with security forces to ensure a coordinated response.
- **Ottawa Police Services** – Overall security lead and law enforcement for the City of Ottawa
- **Parliamentary Protective Services** – Security lead for Parliament Hill and other sites occupied by parliamentarians (e.g. Senate of Canada Building; 180 Wellington)
- **Royal Canadian Police** – Protective detail for the Prime Minister
- **National Security and Intelligence Advisor/Privy Council Office** – Coordination for Cabinet operations

PSPC PREPARATIONS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY PRECINCT

- 24/7 building personnel and commissionaires are to be on positioned on site. They have prepared contingency processes to ensure that they can quickly and easily respond to any damage / vandalism etc, and provide materials to support.
- PSPC is working in close collaboration with the Parliamentary Protective Service to coordinate activities specific to the parliamentary precinct, such as providing barricades and s.37 [REDACTED] as required during the event.
- Construction activities, including the Centre Block Rehabilitation Program, will be shut down from Friday to Sunday, with the possibility of extending this shutdown to Monday based on the evolution of the event through the weekend. These sites have also been hardened.
- As a precautionary measure, and following recommendations from security partners, PSPC has authorized the lock down of all buildings under its control (100 Wellington, National Press Building, etc.). Access to regular building occupants will be maintain at all times.
- Proactive engagement with retail tenants on Sparks Street is being done to inform them of these actions and offer assistance if required.
- PSPC's Real Property Services (RPS) are also closely monitoring the event and supporting clients in the vicinity, specifically the Supreme Court.
- PSPC's Departmental Oversight Branch (DOB) will be present at the National Capital Region Command Center (NCR CC) throughout the event. The NCR CC

is lead by the City of Ottawa and includes members of the Ottawa Police Services, RCMP and other key stakeholders. Meanwhile, the Parliamentary Precinct Security Operations Center (SOC) will remain operational throughout the event and liaise closely between police, security personnel and PSPC stakeholders as required.

- Public Safety's Government Operations Center is monitoring as are security officials at the Privy Council Office, and the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat as per the Significant Event Information Sharing Protocol (SEISP). PSPC has representatives at both these forums.

NEXT STEP(S)

Situational awareness meetings for all key PSPC stakeholders have been scheduled for 10:30 every day. More meetings will occur if warranted by events. Integrated reporting will be provided at regular intervals through the RPS Operations Center and the Departmental Emergency Operations Center (DEOC).